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**Caledonian Mercury**

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A short Account of all the most considerable News,  
*Foreign and Domestic.*

*Edinburgh, Monday December 23, 1723*

*From the Evening Post, Dec. 17.*

*Since our last arrived 3 Mails from France.*

*Paris, Dec. 15.*

**T**H E Abbot de Auvergne Archbishop of Vienna, and Prince Frederick his Brother Prebend of Strasburg are gone for Liege, to give their Votes at the ensuing Election of a Bishop of that Place, which is to be shortly. We hear that the Chancellor will certainly be sent for to the Court from his Exile.

*Madrid, Dec. 7.* On the 4th Instant, the Princess of Asturias paid a visit to their Majesties at Idelsonso; the next Day as they were returning to the Escorial, the Princess was taken ill, and obliged to stop at the Palace of Balsañ, as soon as their Majesties had Notice of the Indisposition of that Princess, they went to see her. Besides the numerous Promotion mentioned in our former, His Catholick Majesty has disposed of many other important Posts, both Civil and Military.

*Paris, Dec. 22:* The Marquis de la Grange, who lately married his Sister's Chamber-maid, died the 9th Day after the Espousals.

The Dutches of Brunswick-Hanover lies dangerously ill.

South Sea Stock 113 3qrs. South Sea Annuity 99, 3qrs. Bank 121, 3qrs. African 13 York Buildings 12, 5 8ths.

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*From the Whitehall Evening Post.*

*Vienna Dec. 24.* A certain Minister who has been very active here, in Favour of the Duke of Mecklenburg, has been advised to bestir himself no longer in that Duke's Affairs, there being no other way left for the said Duke, but that of an entire Submission, to his Imperial Majesty's Mandates. The Grievances of the Roman Catholick Clergy, in the Dominions of the States of Holland, sent hither by the Regency of Brussels, are found to be of no small Number; but its uncertain, whether his Imperial Majesty can gratify their Demands so soon as they would have it.

Some Days ago a great Council of War was held about the Augmentation of the Imperial Forces, in which it was resolved to augment most of the Regiments with 10000 Men, half of which, are to be sent to Silesia and Moravia: And seeing that our Letters from Moldavia and Walachia advise, That there is hardly a Week but some Regiments of Janizaries march through those Provinces to reinforce their Camp upon the Danube. His Imperial Majesty has sent Orders to his Governour in Transylvania, to declare to the Turkish Commanders in those Provinces, That the Imperial Court cannot but take Umbrage at such Movements; and in case the Porte does not withdraw those Forces from the Danube, according to their Assurances given long ago, his Imperial Majesty will be obliged to march his Forces that way.

*Stockholm, Nov. 24.* The printed Transactions of the late Diet consist chiefly of 13 Articles, 12 of which, contain and Confirm all the King's Mandates, Placarts and Regulations, from the 1st of July, 1720. The Conferences are still carried on between the Russian Minister and our Commissioners, to adjust the remaining Differences between the two Courts.

*Warsaw, Nov. 27.* On the 25th Instant, the Baron de Martel, his Imperial Majesty's Envoy, received an Express, which seems to be of great Importance, since he was Yesterday in Conference with several Grandees, and afterwards delivered in writing to the Republick, the Purport of his Commission, which 'tis said, is about the Succession of the Crown, and the present Affairs of the Czar.

*London, Dec. 14.* A Son of Sir Richard Steel died lately, and himself hath been very much indisposed at the Bath, which has occasioned a Report that hath crept into some of our News-papers of his Death.

Last Night their Royal Highnesses, the Princes of Wales, went to the Theatre in Drury-lane, and saw the Comedy call'd *Alchymist*.

The Countess of Derwentwater is arrived here from Flanders, with the Children of the late Earl her Son, which were carried over thither by their Mother, Relict of the said Earl, who died at Brussels in August last.

The Loyal Society intend to distinguish themselves on the Night of his Majesty's happy Return, by extraordinary Fire-works before the Royal Exchange, where a Machine of a new Invention will be erected to play them off.

The Transfer Books of the South Sea Company will be shut from the 23d Instant to the 10th of February, in order to make the Christmas Dividend.

And the present nominal Capital Stock of the African Company will, on the 19th Instant, be reduced to one Half, pursuant to a Resolution of their General Court.

'Tis said, that the Person found dead on Monday last, in St. George's Fields, as mentioned in our last, was one Marth, a young Lawyer; he had been the Day before at Chatham, and would needs return to Town that Night, though it was late, and the Weather very Tempestuous. The Money he had about him at parting with his Company was found in his Pocket, but his Hat, Wig, Watch and Sword were gone; and yet no marks of Violence appeared upon the Body.

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*From the Weekly Journal.*

They write from Ostend, that the Affairs of the New East India Company seem to go in a very prosperous way, That 4 fine Ships for the Service of that Company are now compleatly rigg'd; two of which were built in London, and carry 40 Guns each, That they are to go out with large Compliments of Men well furnished with Ammunition and Arms, in order to be able to make a good Defence, in case they should be attack'd either by Pyrates or other Ships of any other Company: That they are in no want of Seamen, for that great Numbers of all Nations, but especially English and Dutch have offer'd themselves for this Service; but they are resolv'd to take none but what are in the Seamens Phrase, able bodied Men, that is well seasoned Seamen: But the Company has made a By-law, that no Person shall be trusted with the Command of any of their Ships, except a Native Fleeming: It is added, that they have got ready in their Ware-houses, considerable Cargoes of Goods to put on board the said Ships, and large Quantities of Silver in Spanish Dollars, and also English Crowns and Half-crown Pieces, which they have had from London; and that its propos'd, that these 4 Ships shall sail in Company together, to be able to assist one another in case of Need.

We hear from Moscow, That great Bodies of Troops are continually filing off towards Asoph, and that a Body of 20000 Men, choice Troops, are arriv'd in the Neighbourhood of Moscow, where they are to continue till they have been reviewed by the Czar, after which they are to receive their last Orders, and continue their March towards the Boristhenes: It is said, that all the Generals of the Cossacks are order'd to attend the Czar to receive some particular Commands: their Troops are at present posted along the Pruth, towards Pultovia. It is said, that the wild Nations, such as the Cossacks, Calmucks and Tartars, who follow no Trade but War and Plunder, appear overjoy'd at the likelihood of a War, betwixt the Ottoman Porte and the Czar. The Express sent by the Czar's Minister at Constantinople is arriv'd at Moscow, but is not yet sent back, it seeming to require some Time to answer the Contents.

*The following Act of Parliameni is to be continued in our next Papers, at the Request of an Anonymous Letter, in stead of the Act (by Mistake) insert in our last.*

## ANNO PRIMO REGIS,

### *An Act to oblige Papists to register their Names and real Estates.*

**W**Hereas the Papists within this Kingdom, notwithstanding the tender Regard that hath been shewn them for many Years last past, by omitting to put in Execution the many penal Laws which (on occasion of the many just Provocations they have given, and horrid Designs they have fram'd for the Destruction of this Kingdom, and the Extirpation of the Protestant Religion) have been made against them; and notwithstanding they have enjoyed, and do still enjoy the Protection and Benefit of the Government, as well as the rest of his Majesty's Subjects, have not only, all or the greatest part of them; been concerned in stirring up and supporting the late unnatural Rebellion, for the Dethroning and Murthering his most sacred Majesty, for destroying our present happy Establishment, for settling a Popish Pretender upon the Throne of this Kingdom, for the Destruction of the Protestant Religion, and the cruel Murthering and Massacring its Professors, by which they



they have brought a vast Expence upon this Nation: And whereas it manifestly appears by their Behaviour, that they take themselves to be Obliged, by the Principles they profess, to be Enemies to his Majesty, and to the present happy Establishment, and watch for all Opportunities of fomenting and stirring up new Rebellions and Disturbances within the Kingdom, and of inviting Foreigners to invade it: And forasmuch as it is highly reasonable that they should Contribute a large Share to all such extraordinary Expences, as are or shall be brought upon this Kingdom by their Treachery and Instigation: And to the End that, by paying largely to the late Great Expences by them brought upon this Nation, they may be deterred, if possible, from the like Offences for the future; And that this Nation may have the Benefit of this gracious Condescension, in giving his Interest in the Two third Parts of all the Papists Estates, which are already forfeited to him by Law, for the use of the Public, either by selling the said Two thirds of their Estates for the public Service, or by some Tax or Charge upon their Estates in lieu thereof, in such Proportion, and in such Manner, as shall be determined to be reasonable in Parliament: And to the End that their Estates may be certainly known and discovered, for the Purposes aforesaid, or for such other Ends as a Parliament shall think reasonable.

[ This to be continued ]

*From the Evening Post, Dec. 17.*

*Madrid, Nov. 30.* The King has fill'd up the Vacancies both in the Chamber of Castile, and in the Royal Council. His Majesty has also conferr'd on Count de Glimeney, the General Command of the Frontier of that Province, and the Government of that of Guipulco, on the Marquis de Mirable. That of Carthigena in the Indies which Don Antonio Santador refused, was given to Don Lewis de Hiponte. That of the Island of St. Jean de Pucerto Rico, to Don Iean Alfarez. That of the Castle of St. Charles, in the Isle of Majorca, to the Marquis de Arian; besides which, his Majesty has disposed of 9 Governours Places in this Kingdom, there have been also several other Promotions of Colonels and Lieutenant Colonels.

*Paris, Decem. 18.* The King having appointed the Prince de Conti to attend the Corps of the Duke of Orleans to the Grave. That Prince went on the 16th Instant to St. Cloud, where he arrived about 6 in the Evening; the March was begun by the Horse Watch, followed by 100 poor Men, then came part of the Officers of his Royal Highness on Horse-back, then his Footmen, his Pages and those of his Majesty, all with burning Tapers in their Hands, then follow'd several Coaches drawn by eight Horses each, with the, Chaplains, Gentlemen and other Officers of the Deceas'd: Also the Grand Master of the Ceremonies and his Deputy; two Coaches of the Prince of Conti, with his Livery Servants preceded the open Chariot, in which lay the Corps, and on each Side of which, march'd the 100 Switzers, and the rest of the Officers, then another Coach: The March was closed by the Horse Guards of his Royal Highness; at Night, the Funeral Pomp pass'd thro' this City, and it was 3 in the Morning when they arrived at St. Denis.

*From the Flying Post, December 17.*

*Paris, December 15.* The Public Diversions and Shows which were suspended on the 3d. Instant, by Reason of the Death of the Duke of Orleans, were opened again on the 10th. We are assured, that the Chancellor will speedily be recalled to Court. The Actions of the India Company are now at above 1350, and the Liquidations at 18 Livres 10 Sous.

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N. B. The Order of the Golden Fleece has its Name from a Golden Fleece hanging at their Collars who wear it. The Order is of almost 300 Years standing, being instituted by Philip the good, Duke of Burgundy in 1430, to consist of only 30 Knights, who were to be Men of unblemish'd Reputation; and the Duke to be their Head.

As for the Order of the Garter, it may perhaps startle an English Reader to hear of its being conferred by, and returned to the Chevalier de St. George; but we were oblig'd in Justice to keep the Sense of the Original.

Wye's Letter vetbatim, London, Dec. 19, 1723.

Since our Last arriv'd two Mails from France.

According to our Letters from Brussels, the Emperor is so far from coming to any Accommodation of the Affair relating to the Establishment of the East India Company in the Austrian Netherlands, that he has granted Liberty of Import and Export of all Goods belonging to the said Company; who are likewise going to set up a Woollen Manufacture in Brabant, and the Undertakers engage to furnish 80000 Yards before September next: That the Marquis de Prie propos'd to have Clocks made of it for the Service of the Imperial Cavalry; and that he expected the Emperor's Consent thereto.

They write from Paris, That on the 15th Instant the Directors of the India Company resolv'd, That the Dividend of each Action for the Year 1723, shall be 150 Livres. The Marquis de Simian is set out for Madrid, to carry to the King of Spain the Order of the Golden Fleece which the last Duke of Orleans had; and 'tis believed the Marquis will bring it back for the present Duke of Orleans, who keeps his Post of Colonel General of the French Infantry. They add, that the Duke de Biron has sent the Order of the Garter which the late Duke de Lausun had, to the Chevalier de St. George at Rome, pursuant to an express Clause in the Will of the Deceas'd.

We have yet no News when the Cambray Congress will be opened, of which an Account might have been expected by this Time, considering what has been formerly wrote from Paris, That the Acts of Investiture, &c. were fully agreed on by all Parties concern'd.

'Tis said that the King of Great Britain and the Lords of his Court, have been several Days at Helvoetsluys waiting for a fair Wind in order to embark for Enlgand.

We are inform'd by another Mail, just come to hand, from France, That the Dutchess of Brunswick-Hanover is dangerously ill.

Yesterday the tricking Jobbers were very busy in spreading their false Reports: The chief Lie for the Day was, that the King of France was dead; but it had no Effect upon the Stocks, and consequently their Designs were not answered, for the French Mails soon after their Arrival were made public, and gave not the least Account of his Majesty's having been any ways indisposed.

'Tis given out, That the Directors of the S. S. Company are divided in their Opinions, touching the Manner of disposing of the Money arising from the late Directors Estates: Some are for making an Addition to every L. Capital; and others are for having the said Money lodged in the Bank, in order to be made use of for keeping up the Dividend as long as possible at 6 L. per Cent.

The S. S. Transfer Books will be shut the 23d Instant, and opened the 10th of February next.

To-morrow the Transfer Books of the subscrib'd Equivalent Debt will be shut till the 8th Proximo, and the Warrants for the Christmas Dividend of 2 & 1 half per Cent. will be deliver'd out the 15th of the same Month.

Yesterday the Commissioners appointed to enquire into the Abuses of charitable Legacies, sat at Leather-sellers-hall, and having sworn a Jury of Citizens, a Complaint was offer'd against the Minister, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Botholph's Bishopsgate, That a Legacy of Ms. Bearwood, of 38 L. per Annum, for



for cloathing, &c. every Year 18 poor Widows, had been abused: It appearing by the Parish-books, that the Debursements of this Charity fell, for 6 Years past, above 40 L. short of the Legacy, besides many Pounds spent for Surloyns of Beef on the Days of distributing this Charity, the Jury gave their Opinion accordingly, and the Commissioners will make a Decree thereupon next Friday.

The Lord Mansel died last Tuesday of the Convulsions and Hickets. The young Lord Mansel is a Child of about 3 Years old.

Yesterday died Mr. Payne, an eminent Citizen, who, amongst other Legacies, has bequeathed 300 L. to 3 Dissenting Ministers, and 250 more to the Fund for better supporting those of that Profession.

'Tis thought that the Countess Dowager of Derwentwater, and the Children of the late Earl her Son, will continue some Time longer at Brussels, the Marquis de Prie having offered them some particular Marks of Favour.

*Edinburgh, Decem. 23.* Thursday last the following Persons, Prisoners from the Tolbooth and Correction-house here, were carried hence for Glasgow, in order to be Transported to the Plantations, having been taken up on Suspicion of Robbery and other Crimes: Alexander Yorstan, Samuel Gilchrist, Duncan Camron, Malcom Macgregor, James Hamilton, James Mitchel, James Scot, James Sutherland, James Macpherson, alias Stuart.

*Haddington, December 20.*

Best Wheat, 08 l. 2d. Ditto, 07 l. 16 s. 3d. Ditto, 07 l. 12 s.

Best Bear, 07 l. 13 s. 2d. Ditto, 07 l. 14 s. 3d. Ditto, 07 l. 10 s.

Best Oats, 06 l. 14 d. 2d. Ditto, 06 l. 12 s. 3d. Ditto, 06 l. 10 s.

Best Pease, 07 l. 2d. Ditto, 06 l. 16 s. 3d. Ditto, 06 l. 12 s.

## ADVERTISEMENT.

**B**Y Order of Mr. John Ogilvie of Balbignie, Mr. John Forbes of Newhall, and Mr. Alexander Bayne of Rives, Advocates, Trustees and Arbiters for the Creditors of David Earl of Northesk.

There are to give Notice that the said Trustees and Arbiters are to proceed in the Ranking: Now, that the most part of them have signed the Submission, and for that End, the Arbiters have appointed the Creditors to give in their Claims and Instructions of Debt to William Mercer Writer in Edinburgh, Clerk to the said Submission, betwixt and the first of January next; and such Creditors as have not as yet signed the Submission by themselves or by Proxy; are hereby advertised and desired, to sign the same, or send Powers to their Doers for that Effect; That they may not be precluded from the Benefit of the Disposition granted by the said Earl, in Favours of his Creditors; and that they likewise send up the Grounds of their Debt, and give in their Claims thereon, CERTIFYING, such as do not herewith comply, the Arbiters will proceed without any further Delay.

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